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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

KANG, Byung Woo *et al.*

U.S. Patent Application No. 10/614,894

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For: DRIVING DEVICE

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: Examiner: Joseph P. Martinez

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

By Official Action mailed *October 18, 2004*, restriction to one of the following inventions is required:

- Group I:** Claims 1-5, drawn to a driving device for transporting an object, classified in class 310, subclass 323.02.
- Group II:** Claims 6-60, drawn to a driving device for transporting a lens of an optical unit, classified in class 359, subclass 824.

In response, Applicants hereby elect *Group II*, upon which claims 6-60 are readable.

The election is made with traverse, because the Examiner's statement that the subcombination has *separate* utility such as a zoom lens is deemed inaccurate. It should be noted that the combination as claimed can also be used as a zoom lens if the object to be transported of the claimed combination is a lens of an optical instrument. Therefore, Applicants are not persuaded

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that a proper Restriction Requirement has been set forth.

Early examination on the merits is courteously solicited.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 07-1337 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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